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Proposed Amended Claim 1

1 (Proposed). A system for allowing an individual having a personal communications device an alternative access path to one or more secured components having an associated access device reader wherein the individual normally gains access to the system by at least in part positioning an access device into the access device reader, the system comprising:

at least one record that includes information about the individual, the information including information about the individual's personal communications device and information about the individual's access device and information about whether the individual is allowed to gain access to the one or more secured components via their personal communications device when the individual does not have their access device;

a controller having access to the at least one record wherein the controller is in communication with the one or more secured components and wherein the controller, in response to receiving a signal indicating that the individual seeking access to the one or more secured components does not have their access device, (i) retrieves information about the individual's personal communications device and (ii) determines whether the individual is authorized to access the one or more secured component via an alternative route and (iii) upon determining that the individual is authorized sends an alternate access code to the individual via their personal communications device and then subsequently evaluates whether the individual has provided the alternate access code back to the controller correctly to determine whether to permit access to the secured component; and

a communications interface that allows signals between the individual's communication device and the controller, where the controller uses the communications interface and the individual's personal communications device to allow the individual to receive or transmit the alternate access code to the controller.

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1 (Proposed). A system for authenticating the identity of one of a plurality of individuals each having communications devices that are communicatively linked via a public communications systems wherein the individual is seeking access to at least one secure component having an input, the system comprising:

at least one record that includes information about each of the plurality of individuals information including a communications path which defines how to contact the individual's communication device and further defines a security protocol for allowing access to the secure component;

a controller having access to the at least one record wherein the controller receives signals from the input of the at least one secure component in response to the individual manipulating the input device, wherein the controller, in response to one of the individuals seeking access to the at least one secure component retrieves the security protocol and the communications path from the at least one record;

a communications interface that allows signals between the communications device carried by the individual and the controller wherein the controller (i) evaluates the signal received from the input device of the secure component, (ii) sends a first signal to the communications device of the individual via the public communications system in response to the individual seeking access to the at least one secure component wherein the first signal includes a code that is to be input by the individual via the input device and, (iii) evaluates a response signal by the individual via the input device by comparing the response signal to the security protocol to determine whether to allow access by the individual to the at least one secure component.